

Spring 2017



THE CAMP ASCCA *good* TIMES

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COMING UP:

- 3/24-3/26: Fun Fish Weekend
- 3/31-4/2: Alabama Head Injury Foundation
- 4/7-4/9: Alabama Pilots TBI Camp
- 4/11-4/13: St. James Science Camp
- 4/21-4/23: Kiwanis Key Leaders
- 4/28-4/30: Easter Seals Autism Weekend
- 5/5-5/7: Autism Family Weekend
- 5/10-5/12: Lee Scott Academy
- 5/18-5/21: Shepherd Center ASW
- 5/22-5/26: Hall Foundation Camp
- 6/1-6/3: Camp Seale Harris Family Weekend
- 6/4-6/9: Seale Harris Senior Camp
- 6/11-6/16: Seale Harris Junior Camp
- 6/18-6/23: Rooftop Friends
- 6/25-6/30: Muscular Dystrophy Association
- 7/2-7/7: ASCCA Session 1
- 7/9-7/14: ASCCA Session 2
- 7/16-7/21: ASCCA Session 3
- 7/23-7/28: ASCCA Session 4
- 7/30-8/4: ASCCA Session 5
- 7/6-7/11: ASCCA Session 6
- 7/13-7/18: ASCCA Session 7

And so the adventure begins

Summer 2017 is quickly approaching, and we are working in high gear to prepare for the arrival of all of our ASCCA campers and summer staff in July. However, before summer events can begin we have several exciting things happening this spring with visiting groups from across the Southeast. We will work throughout the spring season hosting team building days and weekend-long events with organizations like the Alabama Head Injury Foundation and the Autism Society of Alabama.

As our favorite time of year approaches, keep up with everything going on here at ASCCA by following us on social media and visiting our website at www.campascca.org!

Since December, we have spent time continuing production on new projects, working with visiting groups, meeting with our Board of Directors, and registering campers for this summer faster than ever before. Many of those campers are new applicants that heard about Camp ASCCA through our recent ASCCA on the Road ventures.



Camp ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in providing outdoor recreation for people with disabilities and health impairments.

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ASCCA ON THE ROAD



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

In December, we were visited by Merry Neisler, an owner of various McDonald's restaurants in the Montgomery area. As a part of a co-op of McDonald's owners, Merry had the opportunity to distribute funds from their local Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Alabama to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

They chose to give their funds from their fundraiser boxes to Camp ASCCA and to the Benjamin Russell High School Bridge Program. Camp was gifted a grant of \$4,900.

Merry and her husband, David, chose to donate to Camp ASCCA after their daughter, Caroline, worked at camp in 2012 as a student volunteer with a class from the University of North Alabama.

We'd like to thank the Neisler family and the McDonald's organization for supporting Camp ASCCA and gifting us with such a special donation!

Over the past three months, Program Director Amber Cotney and Social Media Specialist Kasey Langley have been traveling across the state to visit schools and organizations to speak about camp. Since October, the team has made 26 stops to speak with students and parents that have never heard about Camp ASCCA.

At each stop, students spend time personalizing Spin Art t-shirts and learning more about the opportunities that Camp ASCCA will offer them. Many times parents will attend in order to get all of their questions and concerns answered by ASCCA staff in person.

At the start of 2017, the ASCCA on the Road crew made a 4-day trip to Baldwin County and made visits to seven different groups. They visited several classes with students between the ages of 6 to 21. One night, they stopped by Saraland High School for the varsity basketball games and the autism awareness event, Shooting 2 Change.

At Shooting 2 Change, our team had the opportunity to not only connect with families who would benefit from camp, but they also spoke with students who were interested in being program staff members and counselors this summer.

Since the start of ASCCA on the Road, there has been a significant increase in applications from new potential campers and an increase in new summer staff interest.

Coming up this spring, ASCCA on the Road will be trekking to the St. Clair County Transition Fair and plans to visit several schools in the Tallapoosa County area. They will also be making their first trip across state lines this spring to Carrollton, Georgia for the area's Transition Fair.

If you are interested in having ASCCA on the Road make a trip to your city, contact Amber Cotney at amber@campascca.org!



"Camp ASCCA completely changed my life. I not only made incredible friendships with the campers and staff, but I got to see and experience true love, joy, and life change. Just seeing a camper smile because they conquered their fear of going on the zip line or when they score a date to the dance, these are some of my favorite moments.

Here at camp, it's the little things that mean the most. Campers aren't unable to do things because of their disability, they are able. Hearing a camper say 'thank you for treating me like a real person' is the most rewarding feeling.

I am so grateful to be a part of this magical place. Camp ASCCA isn't just my 'job.' It's my home."
- Mary Ryan

"I've seen campers overcome their greatest fears. I've seen staff members change from pre-law to special ed because they could no longer picture their lives being fulfilling in any other field. I think that's what makes it so special. It impacts every single person who crosses through that gate, campers and staff alike." - Kayla Imsand



"It was the campers. They changed my heart in so many ways. I watched every camper have the best week of their summer and make friends from all over. They smiled and spent every day doing things that made them truly happy. Everyone should get the chance to experience the happiest place on earth like I did." - Ally Stephenson



"My favorite part about Camp ASCCA is the relationships that are built over the years. I have met my best friends at camp and wouldn't trade the experiences I have had with them for the world.

These campers have helped make me who I am today and without them, I am not sure where I would be in my life. They gave me a purpose. They have shown me more love than I have ever received or I will ever receive from anyone in the future.

I am so thankful for everything that camp has taught me and for the friendships I have made and will continue to make through the years."
- Jay Gosselin

The Outpost

In December, we introduced you to a new development located near Bocce Ball and Hammocks and Horseshoes. This particular project is growing quickly and was recently given the official name of "The Outpost." Upon completion, The Outpost will be a location for group hangouts, staged events, and much more. The area also includes a snack bar that will be made up of summer snacks and the beloved snow cone machines.

The Outpost will also play host to a new musical event coming up this summer during Session Three. To learn more about this event, follow us on social media where we will be providing updates in the near future.



"The only limits in life are the ones you make."



2016 Easterseals Gold Award

Each year, Camp ASCCA has the opportunity to nominate someone for the Easterseals Alabama Gold Award. The nominee is often a person who has shown great devotion and dedication to Camp ASCCA for more than 5 years. This year, Camp ASCCA nominated Dale Glover of Tuscaloosa to be a 2016 recipient of an Easterseals Gold Award.

Easterseals Alabama presents this award to volunteers who have contributed in a significant manner to the work of the organization for no less than five years. Their involvement can be through Easterseals county chapters, Easterseals affiliate boards, Easterseals corporate board and committees, fundraising events or activities that benefit Easterseals Alabama programs and services.

Ms. Dale Glover was described to the group as being a woman who has shown great devotion, service and love to Camp ASCCA for more than 15 years. She was first introduced to Camp ASCCA in 2000 as a friend of a board member and has been a part of the organization ever since through various

capacities. She currently serves as Secretary of the Camp ASCCA Board of Directors and has given much of her time to camp over the years through special events and volunteering opportunities. Her daughter worked as a member of the ASCCA summer staff for several years, and the passion their family found for this place is one of many reasons why Dale has continued to work alongside the organization. For many years, this incredible woman has given to camp personally as a regular donor and has also encouraged her family to give to Camp ASCCA. She continues to introduce new individuals to ASCCA as volunteers, donors, and lifelong camp friends.

In February, at the 2017 Winter Board Meeting, Dale was thanked by fellow board members and ASCCA staff members for continuing to be a wonderful example of service to many children and adults with disabilities.

Dale is shown above after receiving the Gold Award from Camp ASCCA Administrator John Stephenson.

SUMMER GEAR



We have several new items coming to the ASCCA Shop this summer. The shelves will be full of two new t-shirt designs in six different colors, car decals, and much more! See them all on our Facebook page. T-shirts are \$15 each or two for \$25.

ANNUAL REPORT

2016-2017

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	2015 TOTALS	2016 TOTALS
REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT		
United Way	28,495	32,384
Capital Funds Contributions	174,703	23,180
Contributions and memorials	387,227	407,300
Governmental Grants & Fees	312,155	316,673
Program Service Fees	689,979	712,830
Sales to the Public (net cost of goods sold)	5,292	7,102
Net Gains (losses) on investment assets	(157,400)	133,054
Investment Income	76,728	59,466
Transfer of Funds from Affiliates	19,988	8,738
Miscellaneous Revenue	12,127	573
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER	1,549,294	1,701,300
EXPENSES		
Program Services:		
Public Health Education	3,854	3,695
Residential Camping Services	1,152,681	1,159,062
Supporting Services:		
Fundraising	111,330	120,099
Management & General	218,220	219,010
Membership Fees to National	16,853	16,570
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,502,938	1,518,436
Change in Net Assets before Transfers	46,356	182,864
Transfers to Related Organizations	(121,504)	(125,237)
Change in Net Assets	(75,148)	57,627
Net Assets Beginning of the Year	3,151,785	3,076,637
NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR	3,076,637	3,134,264



"I would like to say a BIG thank you to my son Brandon's camp counselor, Franklin, during Session 5 Mobile Rotary. Brandon had such a wonderful time at camp as he always does. He really enjoyed having Franklin as his counselor. Brandon has been enjoying summers at Camp ASCCA for five years now and I was beyond excited when I found out that Brandon participated in the Talent Show for the very first time. Getting on that stage in front of all those campers to sing was a HUGE step for Brandon. I can't thank each & every one of you enough for helping our kids step out of their comfort zones. Each year I watch Brandon conquer his fears by doing something he normally wouldn't do and it's because of the AWESOME staff at Camp ASCCA. Thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart!" – Angel H.

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5,264 PEOPLE SERVED IN 2016

This total includes service to 1,713 individuals with disabilities. Camp ASCCA provided 5,996 camper days of service to individuals with disabilities. Camper days - one camper visit for five days equals five camper days of service - the typical week of summer camp!



\$222,164

Camp ASCCA was able to provide this amount in financial services to campers attending sessions in 2016. Thank YOU, your donation makes a difference!

In addition to our own camps and services for people with disabilities, community partners help make the mission of Camp ASCCA successful. Camp ASCCA is open year-round and is available to groups serving people of all abilities!